

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any guidelines/norms for import of hazardous waste in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private firms are illegally importing hazardous waste;
- (d) if so, the details of such firms found violating norms along with the quantum and value of such imports made during 2005-06 and 2006-07;
- (e) the action taken against such firms; and
- (f) the steps taken to check such imports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) and (b) Import of hazardous waste into India is subject to the provisions of Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 1989, as amended in years 2000 and 2003. No hazardous wastes are allowed to be imported in the country for dumping and disposal. However, such wastes which are recyclable are permitted for import on a case to case basis, to the registered re-cycling units. Further, import of hazardous waste or substances containing or contaminated with such hazardous waste as specified in Schedule 8 of Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989, as amended in years 2000 and 2003 is prohibited.

(c) to (f) The information is being collected from the field formations of Customs under the Central Board of Excise and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The same shall be furnished on receipt.